# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of coastal people affected by the major cyclone in Orissa are still waiting for rehabilitation;

(b) if so, whether the Government have reviewed the rehabilitation programme for the affected areas and people in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of funds promised/sought by the State Government and fund actually released and utilised for the purpose; and

(e) if so, details of drought proofing measures implemented so far particularly in tribal districts of Orissa so far?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility for undertaking the rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in this regard is that of the State Government. The StateGovernment has set up Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority for the purpose.A s per information received, the State Government is taking necessary measures.

(d): An assistance of Rs.828.15 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief(NFCR) in the wake of floods and cyclones was released as per the norms as against the projected requirements of Rs.6200 crore for relief, rehabilitation and reconstructions including the infrastructure. The details of utilisation are not available.

(e): Necessary action in this regard is required to be taken by the State Government.However, the steps taken by the Government of India to assist the State include allocation of 1 lakh tonnes of foodgrains, free of cost, for Food for Work Programme, 20,100 tonnes of foodgrains at BPL rates per month for 3 months, allocation of "Feedgrade" foodgrains for use as cattle feed, transportation of drinking water and fodder free of cost to the affected areas by the Railways and handing over of exploratory tube wells for drinking water purposes.